

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will hold a public hearing on a proposed Commonwealth of Virginia § 111(d) Plan for mercury emissions from coal-fired electric steam generating units. This plan is intended to meet the requirements of the federal Clean Air Mercury Rule. The hearing will be held in the first floor conference room, Department of Environmental Quality, 629 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, at 9:00 a.m. on April 26, 2007, to accept testimony concerning the proposed plan. Using the procedures explained below, DEQ will also accept written comments through April 26, 2007.

The proposed plan includes (i) demonstration of legal authority; (ii) emission limitations consisting of a cap-and-trade program; (iii) an inventory of emissions from the affected units; (iv) the allowance allocations to the units covered by the cap-and-trade program; and (v) other supporting documentation. DEQ is seeking comment on the overall plan, and on the issue of whether any regulations included in the plan should be submitted to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as part of the plan.

This public comment period and hearing are being conducted to satisfy the public participation requirements of federal regulations 40 CFR 60.23(c) and (d). The regulations included in this plan have been adopted by the State Air Pollution Control Board in accordance with the Code of Virginia. Because the regulations have been adopted, the department is accepting comment only on the issue cited above and not on the content of the regulations.

All comments must be received by the department by 5:00 p.m., April 26, 2007 to be considered. It is preferred that all comments be provided in writing, along with any supporting documents or exhibits; however, oral comments will be accepted at the hearing. Comments may be submitted by mail, facsimile transmission, email, or by personal appearance at the hearing, and must be submitted to Beth Major, Environmental Program Manager, Office of Air Regulatory Development, DEQ, P.O. Box 1105, Richmond, Virginia 23218 (phone 804-698-4423, fax 804-698-4510, email memajor@deq.virginia.gov). Comments by facsimile transmission will be accepted only if followed by receipt of the original within one week. Comments by email will be accepted only if the name, address, and phone number of the commenter are included. All testimony, exhibits and documents received are matters of public record. The proposal and any supporting documents subject to this public hearing may be examined by the public at 1) DEQ Central Office, 8th Floor, 629 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, (804) 698-4070, 2) DEQ Southwest Regional Office, 355 Deadmore Street, Abingdon, Virginia, (540) 676-4800, 3) DEQ West Central Regional Office, 3019 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke, Virginia, (540) 562-6700, 4) DEQ South Central Regional Office, 7705 Timberlake Road, Lynchburg, Virginia, (804) 582-5120, 5) DEQ Valley Regional Office, 4411 Early Road, Harrisonburg, Virginia, (540) 574-7800, 6) DEQ Fredericksburg Satellite Office, 806 Westwood Office Park, Fredericksburg, Virginia, (540) 899-4600, 7) DEQ Piedmont Regional Office, 4949-A, Cox Road, Glen Allen, Virginia, (804) 527-5020, 8) DEQ Northern Regional Office, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, Virginia, (703) 583-3800, and 9) DEQ Tidewater Regional Office, 5636 Southern Boulevard, Virginia Beach, Virginia, (757) 518-2000, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. of each business day until the close of the public comment period. The

documents may also be viewed at the following web site:
<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/air/permitting/planotes.html>.